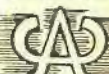


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"I WAS A SLAVE OF THE LIVING TITAN!"

CHAPTER ONE

"THE COMING OF THE TITAN!"

FOOL! YOU HAVE NO
CHOICE! YOU MUST OBEY
ME! NO LIVING THING
CAN DEFEAT THE LIVING
TITAN!

YOU CAN DESTROY ME,
BUT I'LL NEVER HELP
YOU! I'LL NEVER BETRAY
MY RACE! NEVER!

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and
Ages

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THE TIME IS EVENING... THE PLACE IS A LONELY RADAR STATION ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD OF THE UNITED STATES...

AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT-- IT'S HEADING THIS WAY, SIR!

THIS COULD BE A COMMIE ATTACK! ALERT THE JETS, QUICK!



SECONDS LATER, OUR NATION'S BEST FIGHTER PLANES ARE IN THE AIR, SEARCHING FOR THE MYSTERIOUS AIRCRAFT!

WE'RE IN THE RIGHT SPOT, BUT I DON'T SEE A THING!

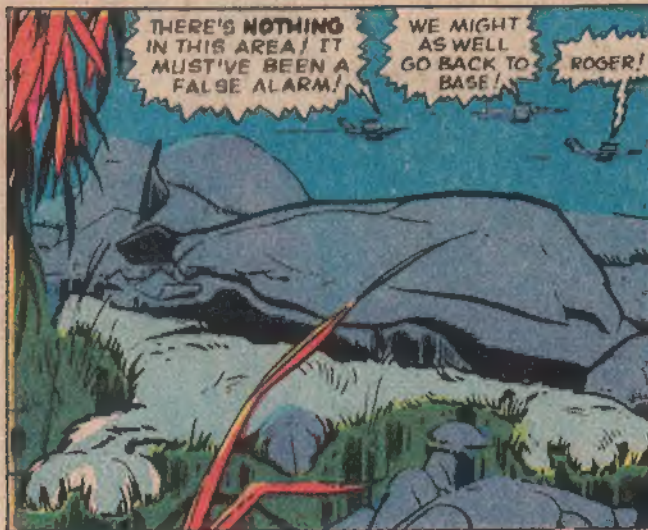
ME NEITHER!



THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS AREA! IT MUST'VE BEEN A FALSE ALARM!

WE MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO BASE!

ROGER!



ME, I'M JUST A SMALL TOWN ELECTRICIAN, BUT I'M KEPT PRETTY BUSY... SOMETIMES I EVEN GET CALLS AT NIGHT...

...AND THE MACHINE DOESN'T WORK AT ALL, HUH? OKAY, FRED, I'LL COME RIGHT OVER AND HAVE A LOOK AT IT!



HOWEVER, I HAVE A WIFE WHO'S THE MOST SUSPICIOUS HUMAN THIS SIDE OF THE F.B.I.

HONEY, I'VE GOTTA GO OVER TO FRED'S PLACE! HE'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH--

DON'T BOTHER LYING TO ME, JOE HARPER! THIS IS PROBABLY SOMETHING YOU AND FRED COOKED UP SO YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND GO BOWLING.

I--AW WHAT'S THE USE!



THAT WOMAN NEVER BELIEVES ME! IN THE TIME IT WOULD TAKE ME TO CONVINCE HER I'M TELLING THE TRUTH, I'LL HAVE FRED'S MACHINE FIXED AND BE BACK HOME!



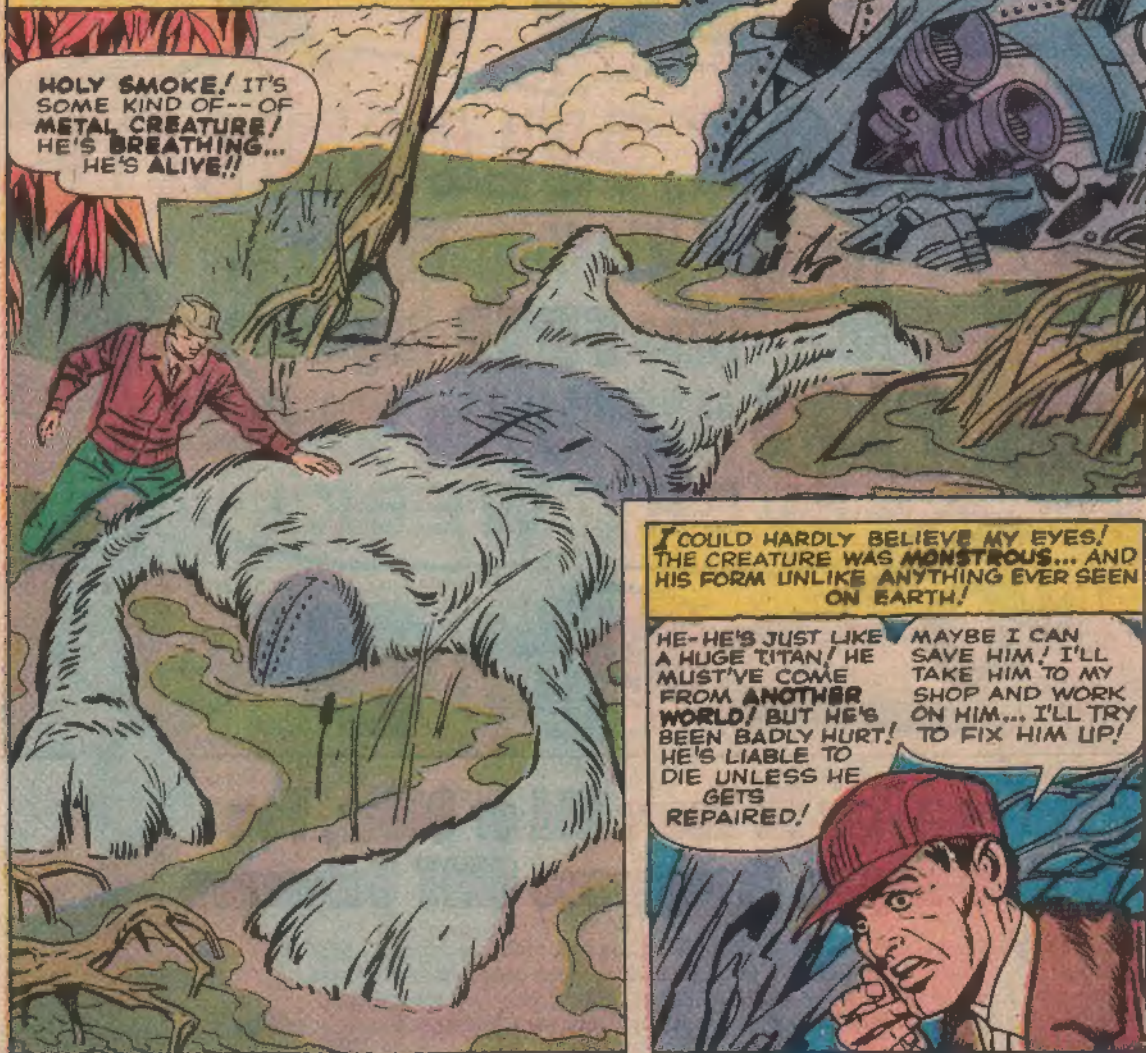
I GOT IN MY TRUCK AND HEADED FOR FRED'S HOUSE! ON THE WAY, I HAD TO PASS OLD BLACKTREE SWAMP! SUDDENLY, I SAW SOME-- THING...

HEY--WHAT'S THAT THING LAYING IN THE SWAMP?!



I STOPPED THE TRUCK, JUMPED OUT, AND RAN INTO THE SWAMP... WHERE, AMONG THE SMOLDERING REMAINS OF A SPACESHIP, I SAW...

HOLY SMOKE! IT'S SOME KIND OF-- OF METAL CREATURE! HE'S BREATHING... HE'S ALIVE!!



I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES! THE CREATURE WAS MONSTROUS... AND HIS FORM UNLIKE ANYTHING EVER SEEN ON EARTH!

HE--HE'S JUST LIKE A HUGE TITAN! HE MUST'VE COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD! BUT HE'S BEEN BADLY HURT! HE'S LIABLE TO DIE UNLESS HE GETS REPAIRED!

MAYBE I CAN SAVE HIM! I'LL TAKE HIM TO MY SHOP AND WORK ON HIM... I'LL TRY TO FIX HIM UP!



AND SO, WHILE FRAGMENTS OF THE SPACESHIP BURNED THEMSELVES OUT, I LOADED THE UNCONSCIOUS GIANT ONTO MY TRUCK... MOMENTS LATER, I WAS ON MY WAY BACK TO TOWN... NEVER SUSPECTING... NEVER DREAMING THAT I WAS ABOUT TO PERIL THE LIFE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH!

BOY! THIS HULK MUST WEIGH A TON! I COULD USE SOME HELP, BUT THERE'S NO TIME! I MUST WORK FAST IF I'M GOING TO KEEP HIM ALIVE!

THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR WORLD-- MAN'S FIRST MEETING WITH A CREATURE FROM OUTER SPACE!



WHEN I REACHED TOWN I WENT STRAIGHT TO MY SHOP, WHERE I UNLOADED THE GIGANTIC CREATURE AND SET HIM UP FOR AN ELECTRICAL ANALYSIS!

IF I CAN JUST MAKE HIM CONSCIOUS AGAIN --HE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL US ABOUT THE STARS--THE PLANETS! HE'LL GIVE US THE KNOWLEDGE WE'VE BEEN SEEKING FOR AGES!



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I WAS ON A PLANET WITH COUNTLESS OTHER LIFE FORMS! WE WERE ALL STRANDED THERE... HATING EVERY MINUTE OF IT!! IT WAS UNBEARABLE! BUT WE HAD NO MEANS OF ESCAPING!



THEN ONE DAY I GOT MY CHANCE! THE SUPPLY SHIP ARRIVED... AND WHILE THE GUARDS WERE CONCENTRATING ON THE OTHER LIFE FORMS, I STOLE AROUND BEHIND THEM AND BOARDED THE SHIP!



BEFORE THEY KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I BLASTED OFF!



BUT THE SHIP WASN'T LARGE OR POWERFUL ENOUGH TO GO WHERE I WANTED! IT TOOK ME ONLY AS FAR AS YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM...

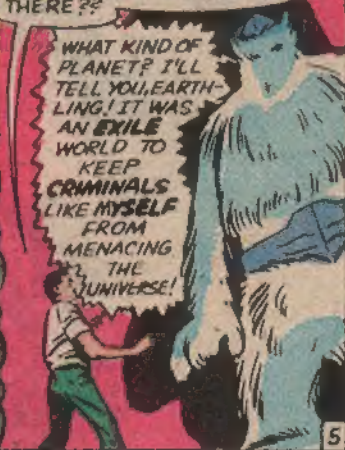
AND UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, I CAME DOWN ONTO YOUR WATER-OXYGEN WORLD!

THE ENGINES ARE WORN OUT! I'LL HAVE TO CRASH LAND ON THAT NEARBY PLANET!



AND THEN I FOUND YOU! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND--YOU SAID YOU WERE **STRANDED** ON THAT PLANET--AND YOU MENTIONED **GUARDS**! WHAT KIND OF PLANET WAS THAT?? WHAT WERE YOU **DOING** THERE??

WHAT KIND OF PLANET? I'LL TELL YOU, EARTH-LING! IT WAS AN **EXILE** WORLD TO KEEP **CRIMINALS** LIKE MYSELF FROM MENACING THE **UNIVERSE**!



CRIMINALS LIKE YOURSELF!!
OH NO-- NO!! WHAT A FOOL I
AM!! I'VE BEEN REVIVING YOU!!
I MUST STOP THE VOLTAGE--
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE--BEFORE
YOU'RE ABLE TO MENACE OUR
WORLD!!



IN DESPERATION, I GRABBED THE SWITCH AND TURNED OFF
THE CURRENT! BUT IT WAS NO USE! I HAD WAITED TOO LONG!
THE HULK HAD REGAINED HIS ALMOST LIMITLESS STRENGTH!

BEHOLD, HUMAN--
ONCE AGAIN AM I
MIGHTY! AND
NOW NOTHING
CAN STOP ME!
NOTHING!!



FEARFULLY I BACKED AWAY AS THE
GARGANTUAN ALIEN CAME TOWARD ME...

STAY AWAY
FROM ME--
KEEP BACK!!



HAVE NO FEAR, EARTHLING!
I SHALL NOT HARM YOU! I AM
MERELY GOING TO TRY OUT
A POWER OF MINE! A POWER
WHICH HAD NO EFFECT ON
STRONGER CREATURES, BUT
WHICH WILL EASILY OVER-
COME YOU PUNY
EARTHLINGS!

I SPEAK
ABOUT THE POWER
OF... HYPNOSIS!

NO--NO--

YES, HUMAN
--I AM
GOING TO
HYPNOTIZE
YOU--NOW!



AND THEN RAYS STARTED TO EMANATE FROM THE
TITAN! IN ALL DIRECTIONS THEY WENT, FILLING
THE ENTIRE ROOM!

MY HEAD--I'M
GETTING DIZZY!
I'M LOSING MY
WILL! I MUST
FIGHT IT! I
MUSTN'T GIVE
IN!

YOU CANNOT
RESIST MY
POWER! YOU
MUST
SUCCUMB!



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THE TITAN WAS RIGHT... I COULDN'T RESIST HIS HYPNOTIC RAYS... THEY OVERCAME MY WILL AND PUT ME INTO A TRANCE!

TELL ME, EARTHLING WHO AM I? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?

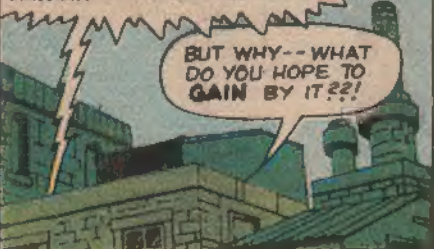
YOU ARE MANKIND'S BENEFACITOR... YOU ARE ALL-GOOD... ALL-WISE! WE MUST OBEY YOU IN EVERYTHING!



THE TITAN WITHDREW THE RAYS AND THEN AWOKE ME FROM MY HYPNOTIC SPELL!

NOW, EARTHLING, YOU HAVE FELT THE POWER OF XEMNU! BEFORE I AM FINISHED, I SHALL HYPNOTIZE EVERY HUMAN ON THIS PLANET!

BUT WHY-- WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN BY IT??



--SO LARGE AND POWERFUL, THAT WHEN IT BLASTS OFF, ITS FORCE WILL--DESTROY THE EARTH!!

NO--YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! YOU WOULDN'T DESTROY AN ENTIRE WORLD! YOU WOULDN'T--

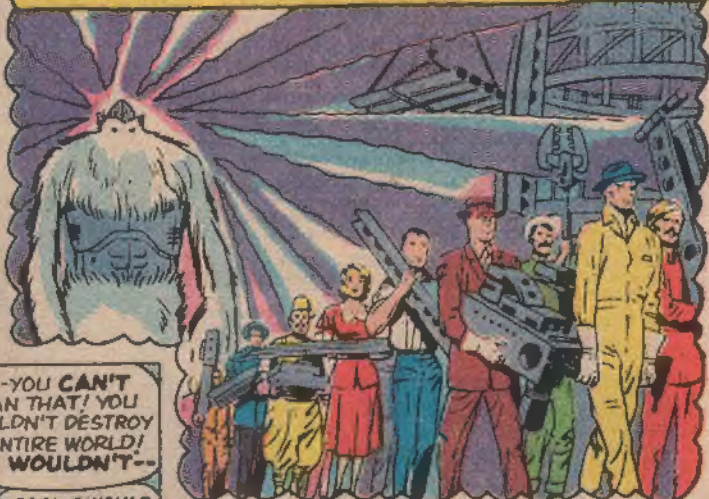
FOOL, I WOULD DESTROY AN ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM IF IT SERVED MY PURPOSE! NOW BE SILENT WHILE I BEGIN THE GREATEST AND LAST FEAT YOUR WORLD WILL EVER SEE!



HAH! IT WORKS! JUST AS I KNEW IT WOULD! NOW I'LL BRING THE EARTHLING OUT OF HIS TRANCE! I WANT TO TALK TO HIM... TO TELL HIM OF MY PLAN!



I WILL GAIN MILLIONS OF HELPLESS LABORERS... SLAVES TO BUILD ME ANOTHER SPACESHIP! ONLY THIS SHIP MUST BE ABLE TO CROSS THE UNIVERSE-- TO TAKE ME ALL THE WAY HOME! AND TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, THE SHIP MUST BE LARGE--POWERFUL--



HELPLESSLY I STOOD THERE--WATCHING--WAITING-- AND THINKING OF THE HORRIBLE FATE SOON TO BEFALL MANKIND!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I GAVE THE TITAN BACK HIS STRENGTH... AND NOW HE'S GOING TO DESTROY OUR WORLD! AND WITH HIS IRRESISTABLE HYPNOTIC POWER, I'M HELPLESS TO STOP HIM! UTTERLY HELPLESS!



CHAPTER

2

SLAVES OF THE TITAN!

NONE CAN
RESIST ME!
MY WILL IS THE
SUPREME FORCE
ON EARTH! FOR I AM
XEMNU--THE MASTER
OF MEN'S MINDS!
I AM--THE LIVING
TITAN!



AS SOON AS HE KNEW HIS RAYS WOULD HYPNOTIZE HUMANS, THE TITAN TURNED THEM ON **FULL FORCE!**

STAY HERE...KEEP TOUCHING ME... CONTACT WITH MY BODY WILL MAKE YOU IMMUNE TO THE RAYS! YOU BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE, SO YOU, OF ALL HUMANS, WILL BE **SPARED** BY THE TITAN!



THE RAYS KEPT SPREADING OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS! THEY DRIFTED OVER THE ENTIRE CONTINENT ... OVER THE SEVEN SEAS...

SOME FORCE HAS TAKEN HOLD OF ME... I CAN'T DRIVE ANY MORE!

I'M GROWING TIRED-- WEAK! MY WILL IS LEAVING ME!



AND SO, BECAUSE THE TITAN WANTED SOMEONE TO COMMUNICATE WITH TO BOAST OF HIS RUTHLESS PLAN, I WAS SPARED THE HYPNOTIC TRANCE! BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD WAS NOT SO LUCKY! FOR THE POWERFUL RAYS PENETRATED THE WALLS OF MY SHOP AND SPREAD OUT OVER THE CITY...



THERE WAS NO DOOR-- NO WALL-- STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP OUT THE HYPNOTIC RAYS! THEY WENT THRU EVERYTHING! **THEY BLANKETED THE ENTIRE EARTH!**

I MUST STOP MY WORK! I MUST OBEY THE WILL OF ONE STRONGER AND WISER THAN I... THE WILL OF EARTH'S BENEFACITOR, THE TITAN!

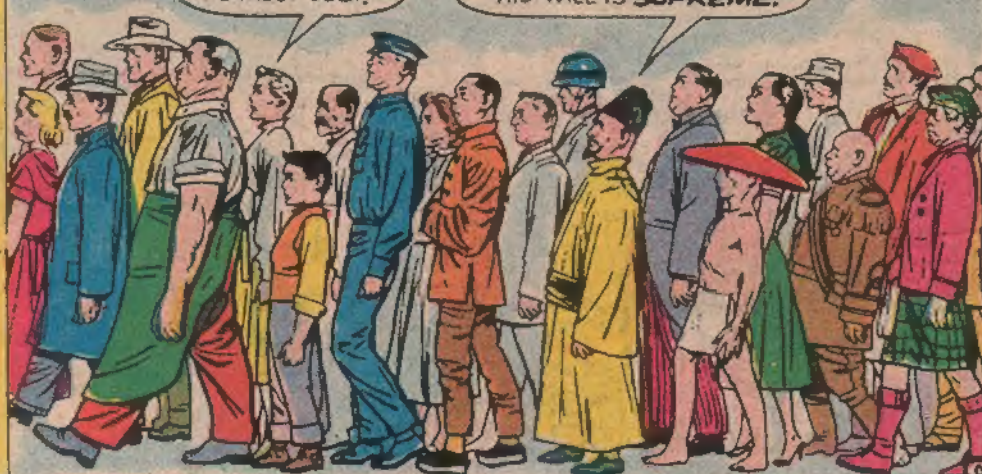
THE TITAN IS ALL-GOOD... ALL-WISE!



AND WHEN THE MASS HYPNOSIS WAS COMPLETE, THE TITAN SUMMONED HIS SUBJECTS! FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF EARTH THEY CAME, OFFERING NO RESISTANCE TO THE MOST RUTHLESS ENEMY IN THE HISTORY OF OUR WORLD!

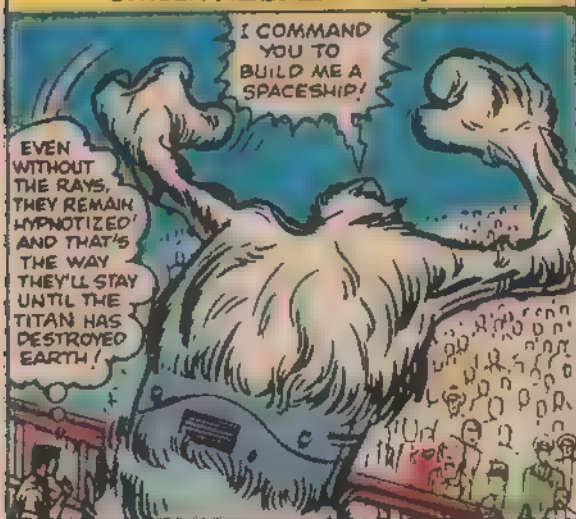
THE TITAN CALLS! WE MUST OBEY!

THE TITAN IS OUR MASTER... HIS WILL IS **SUPREME!**



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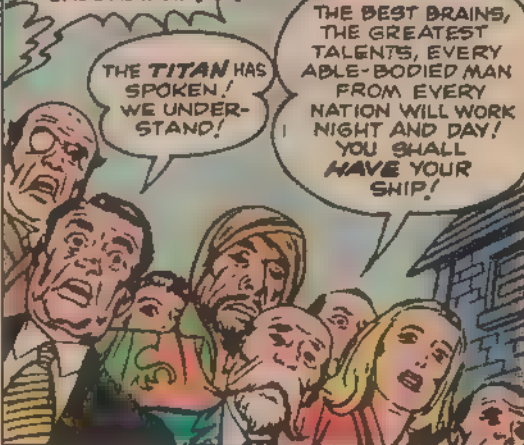
WHEN HE HAD GATHERED HIS SUBJECTS, THE TITAN HALTED THE RAYS... AT THIS POINT HE NO LONGER **NEEDED** THEM!



I COMMAND YOU TO BUILD ME A SPACESHIP!

EVEN WITHOUT THE RAYS, THEY REMAIN HYPNOTIZED! AND THAT'S THE WAY THEY'LL STAY UNTIL THE TITAN HAS DESTROYED EARTH!

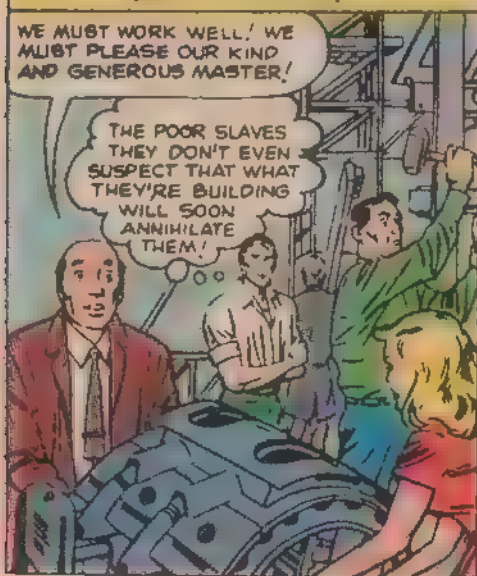
YOU WILL MAKE IT THE **LARGEST** MOST POWERFUL SPACESHIP IN THE UNIVERSE! IT SHALL BE ABLE TO CARRY ME BEYOND THIS GALAXY-- BACK TO MY OWN WORLD! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



THE TITAN HAS SPOKEN! WE UNDERSTAND!

THE BEST BRAINS, THE GREATEST TALENTS, EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN FROM EVERY NATION WILL WORK NIGHT AND DAY! YOU SHALL HAVE YOUR SHIP!

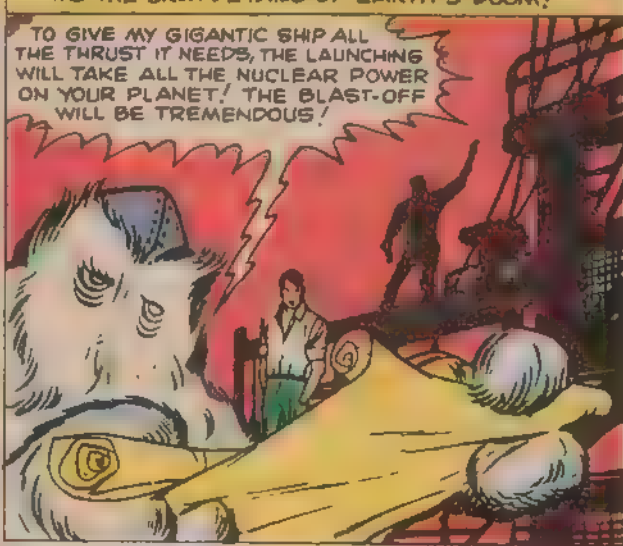
AND SO, UNDER THE TITAN'S DIRECTION IT BEGAN... THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GIANT SPACESHIP!



WE MUST WORK WELL! WE MUST PLEASE OUR KIND AND GENEROUS MASTER!

THE POOR SLAVES THEY DON'T EVEN SUSPECT THAT WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING WILL SOON ANNIHILATE THEM!

AND WHEN HE WASN'T SUPERVISING THE MAMMOTH CONSTRUCTION, THE TITAN TOOK PLEASURE IN TELLING ME THE GRIM DETAILS OF EARTH'S DOOM!

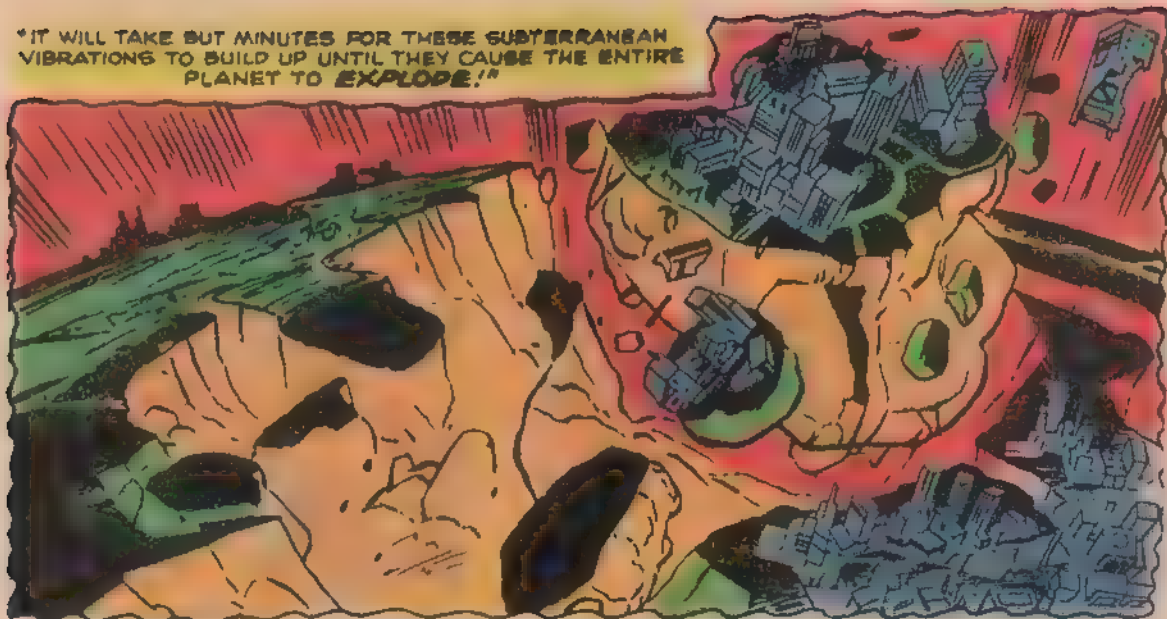


TO GIVE MY GIGANTIC SHIP ALL THE THRUST IT NEEDS, THE LAUNCHING WILL TAKE ALL THE NUCLEAR POWER ON YOUR PLANET! THE BLAST-OFF WILL BE TREMENDOUS!



SO TREMENDOUS THAT THE EARTH WILL BE SHAKEN LOOSE FROM ITS AXIS! IT WILL SPIN ERRATICALLY, JARRING EVERYTHING ON ITS SURFACE, AND CAUSING VIBRATIONS BENEATH THE SURFACE!

"IT WILL TAKE BUT MINUTES FOR THESE SUBTERRANEAN VIBRATIONS TO BUILD UP UNTIL THEY CAUSE THE ENTIRE PLANET TO **EXPLODE!**"



BUT THAT MATTERS NOT TO **ME**, FOR I WILL BE SAFELY ON MY WAY HOME! AND BECAUSE **YOU** ARE THE HUMAN WHO MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE, I WILL REWARD YOU! I WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE BY TAKING YOU **WITH ME!** ON MY PLANET, YOU WILL SERVE AS MY SLAVE!



NO--LISTEN TO ME--PLEASE! I MADE YOU CONSCIOUS--I GAVE YOU STRENGTH AGAIN--I'M **RESPONSIBLE** FOR THIS NIGHTMARE, SO I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO TO ME! BUT YOU MUSTN'T HARM THE REST OF MY WORLD! I BEG YOU--



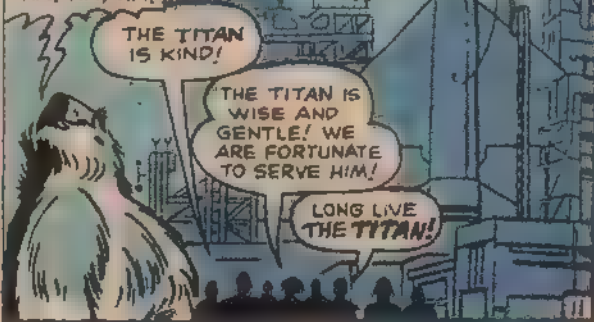
QUIET! YOU SNIVELING CREATURE! NO ONE TELLS **THE TITAN** WHAT TO DO! IF YOU DARE SPEAK AGAIN, I'LL HYPNOTIZE YOU LIKE THE OTHERS!

IT'S NO USE! HE WASN'T A DROP OF PITY OR COMPASSION IN HIM! BUT SOMEHOW HE MUST BE STOPPED! AND I'M THE ONLY HUMAN WHO ISN'T IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE...IT'S UP TO ME TO STOP HIM! BUT HOW? **HOW??**



DAYS PASSED INTO WEEKS UNTIL FINALLY THE FEARFUL MOMENT CAME....!

AT LAST THE SHIP IS FINISHED! GOOD WORK, MY SERVANTS! IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE TITAN SHOWS YOU HIS APPRECIATION! HA! HA! HA!



THE TITAN IS KIND!

THE TITAN IS WISE AND GENTLE! WE ARE FORTUNATE TO SERVE HIM!

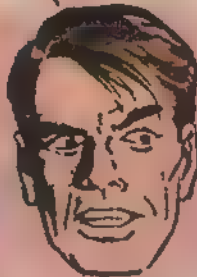
LONG LIVE **THE TITAN!**

FINALLY, IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE TAKE-OFF! EARTH WAS SCANT HOURS AWAY FROM TOTAL ANNIHILATION!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I CAN'T JUST LET THE TITAN DESTROY EVERYTHING! BUT WITH HIS HYPNOTIC POWER, HE'D STOP ME BEFORE I COULD EVEN START TO DEFEY HIM! UNLESS I... WAIT A MINUTE...



THAT'S IT! I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT HIM-- AND HE WON'T BE AWARE OF IT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!



I HAD TO GET AWAY FROM THE TITAN I WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT..!

NOW'S MY CHANCE...WHILE HE'S BUSY STUDYING THE MAPS FOR HIS JOURNEY! HE WON'T NOTICE THAT I'M GONE!



I DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG THE MAPS WOULD KEEP THE TITAN OCCUPIED, SO I HAD TO WORK FAST. I RUSHED STRAIGHT TO THE LAUNCHING SITE...

THE TITAN SENT ME...HE WANTS ME TO CHECK OVER THE SHIP'S CONTROLS!

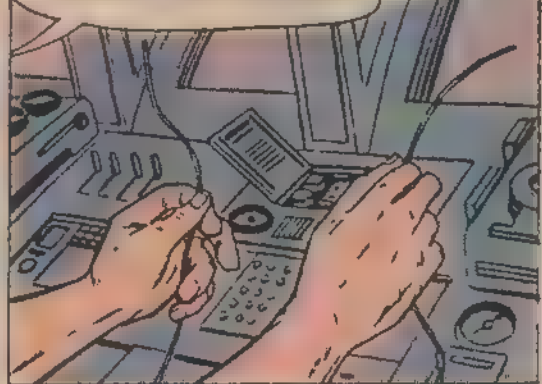
I HAVE SEEN THIS MAN WITH THE TITAN...HE IS OUR MASTER'S FRIEND... WE CAN TRUST HIM!

VERY WELL, YOU MAY ENTER THE SHIP!



I WENT ABOARD AND LOOKED AROUND FOR A FEW MINUTES .. THEN I FOUND WHAT I WANTED...

THESE TWO WIRES...THEY WILL DO THE TRICK...THESE SIMPLE WIRES MAY SAVE ALL OF MANKIND!

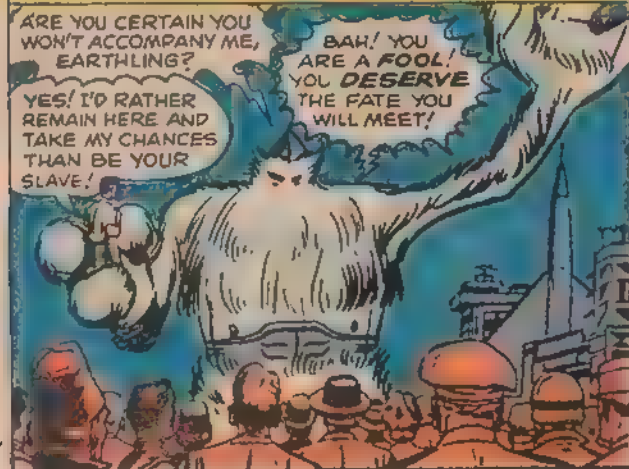


THE NEXT MORNING, THE MENACING TITAN SAID FAREWELL TO OUR CIVILIZATION...

ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU WON'T ACCOMPANY ME, EARTHLING?

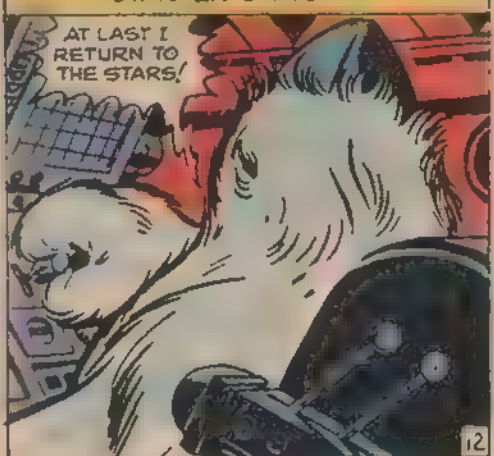
YES! I'D RATHER REMAIN HERE AND TAKE MY CHANCES THAN BE YOUR SLAVE!

BAH! YOU ARE A FOOL! YOU DESERVE THE FATE YOU WILL MEET!

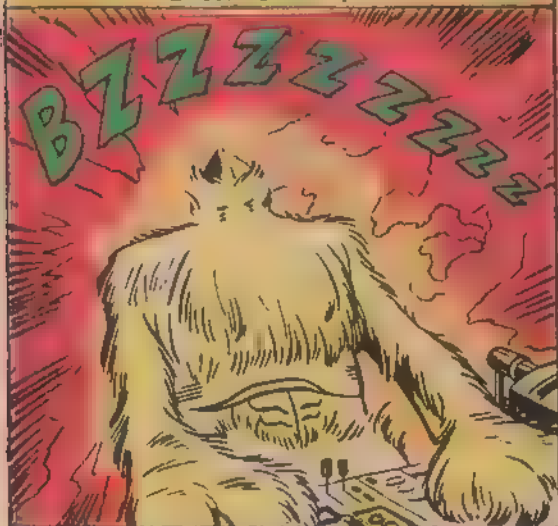


THE TITAN BOARDED THE SHIP, BOLTED THE HEAVY DOOR, AND REACHED FOR THE STARTER SWITCH ..

AT LAST I RETURN TO THE STARS!



BUT, WHEN HE PULLED THE SWITCH, THERE WAS A MIGHTY BLAST OF VOLTAGE -- A SHORT CIRCUIT!



AND THANKS TO THE TWO WIRES I HAD CROSSED, THE CRUEL, POWERFUL TITAN FOUND HIMSELF HELPLESS!...GLUED TO THE STARTER PANEL, WHERE HE WOULD REMAIN IN A CONSTANT STATE OF SHOCK FOREVER!



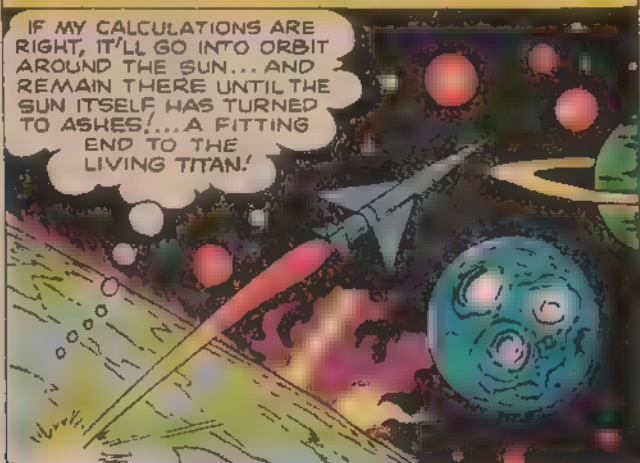
IN THE MEANTIME, I HAD MADE MY WAY OVER TO THE REMOTE CONTROL CENTER, AND WHILE ALL EYES WERE TURNED TO THE SHIP, I **ALTERED THE LAUNCHING PATTERN!**

I'LL GIVE IT A **FRACTION** OF THE POWER THE TITAN HAD SET IT FOR! THEN THE BLAST-OFF **WON'T** CAUSE ANY HARM TO EARTH!



SECONDS LATER, THE SHIP TOOK OFF WITH NO MORE THRUST THAN WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR IT TO REACH OUR NEARBY **SUN!**

IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE RIGHT, IT'LL GO INTO ORBIT AROUND THE SUN... AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL THE SUN ITSELF HAS TURNED TO ASHES!...A FITTING END TO THE LIVING TITAN!



AS SOON AS THE SHIP WAS BEYOND OUR ATMOSPHERE, THE HYPNOTIC SPELL DISAPPEARED, AND WITH IT VANISHED ALL MEMORY OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED!

HOWEVER, WHEN I GOT HOME, I **DID** TRY TO TELL THE TRUTH TO MY WIFE...BUT AS USUAL...

AND THAT NIGHT, ONLY ONE PERSON ON EARTH KNEW THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE LATEST NEWS ITEM...

WHERE AM I? HOW DID I GET HERE ??

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, I WAS HOME WATCHING THE BALL GAME! WHAT HAPPENED?

I WASN'T HYPNOTIZED! I CAN REMEMBER EVERYTHING! BUT I WON'T TELL THEM! THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME!



FOR TEN YEARS I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR LIES! BUT **THIS** JOE HARPER, IS THE **BIGGEST** OF THEM!

HONEY I TELL YOU IT'S THE **TRUTH!** I **DID** SAVE THE WORLD! AW...WHAT'S THE USE!



THE STRANGE SATELLITE IS IN ORBIT AROUND THE SUN! NO ONE KNOWS FROM WHERE IT COMES OR HOW LONG IT WILL REMAIN THERE!

IT WILL STAY THERE A LONG TIME, MISTER! A LONG, LONG TIME!



THE END

THERE IS A BRAIN BEHIND THE **FANGS!**

FOR WEEKS MY FEARS HAD
BEEN MOUNTING ... UNTIL I
COULD STAND IT
NO LONGER...



KEEP AWAY
FROM ME! I KNOW
WHAT YOUR FIENDISH
PLAN IS! YOU CAN'T
FOOL ME! I'VE GOT
YOU ALL FIGURED
OUT! KEEP AWAY!
KEEP AWAY!

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I KNOW THE EVIL THAT LURKS IN YOUR HEART! THE VICIOUS SCHEME THAT MAKES YOU LIE THERE DAY AFTER DAY WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO STRIKE! WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT! DO YOU HEAR? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT!

IN DESPERATION, I TURNED AND RAN OUT OF MY APARTMENT!



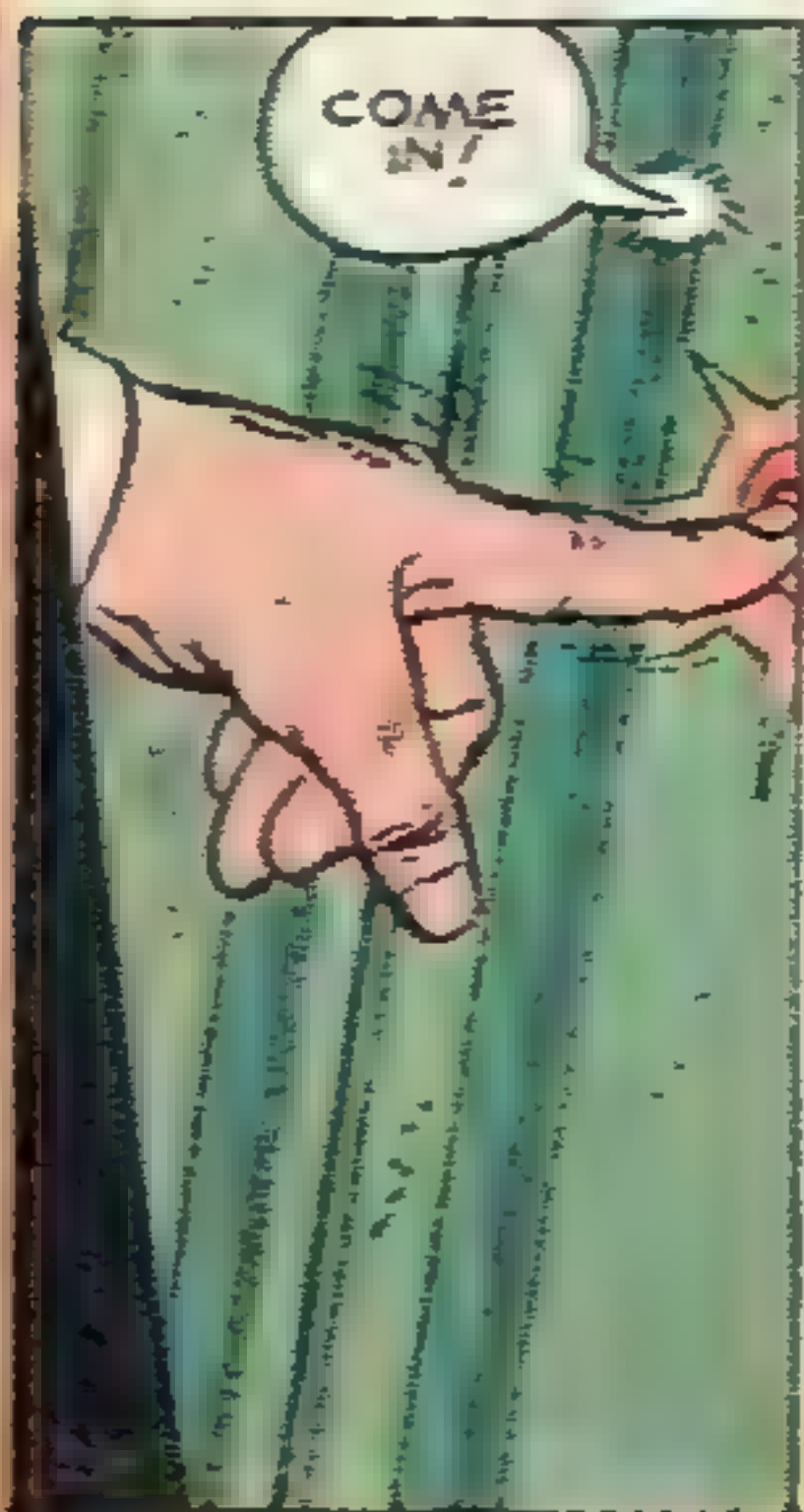
I'VE GOT TO GET HELP! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

AS I HURRIED ALONG THE DARK CITY STREETS, I COULD SEE THEM ALL! SOME WERE ON LEASHES, OTHERS WERE FREE... BUT ALL OF THEM WERE PART OF THE SAME INSIDIOUS PLOT!



I'LL GO TO JOHN! HE'S MY OLDEST -- MY BEST FRIEND! HE'LL HELP ME!

MINUTES LATER, I WAS RINGING THE BELL OF JOHN REDFIELD, THE CITY'S TOP PSYCHIATRIST...



COME IN!



JOHN-- YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! WE'RE IN DANGER! ALL OF US! THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE IS IN DANGER!

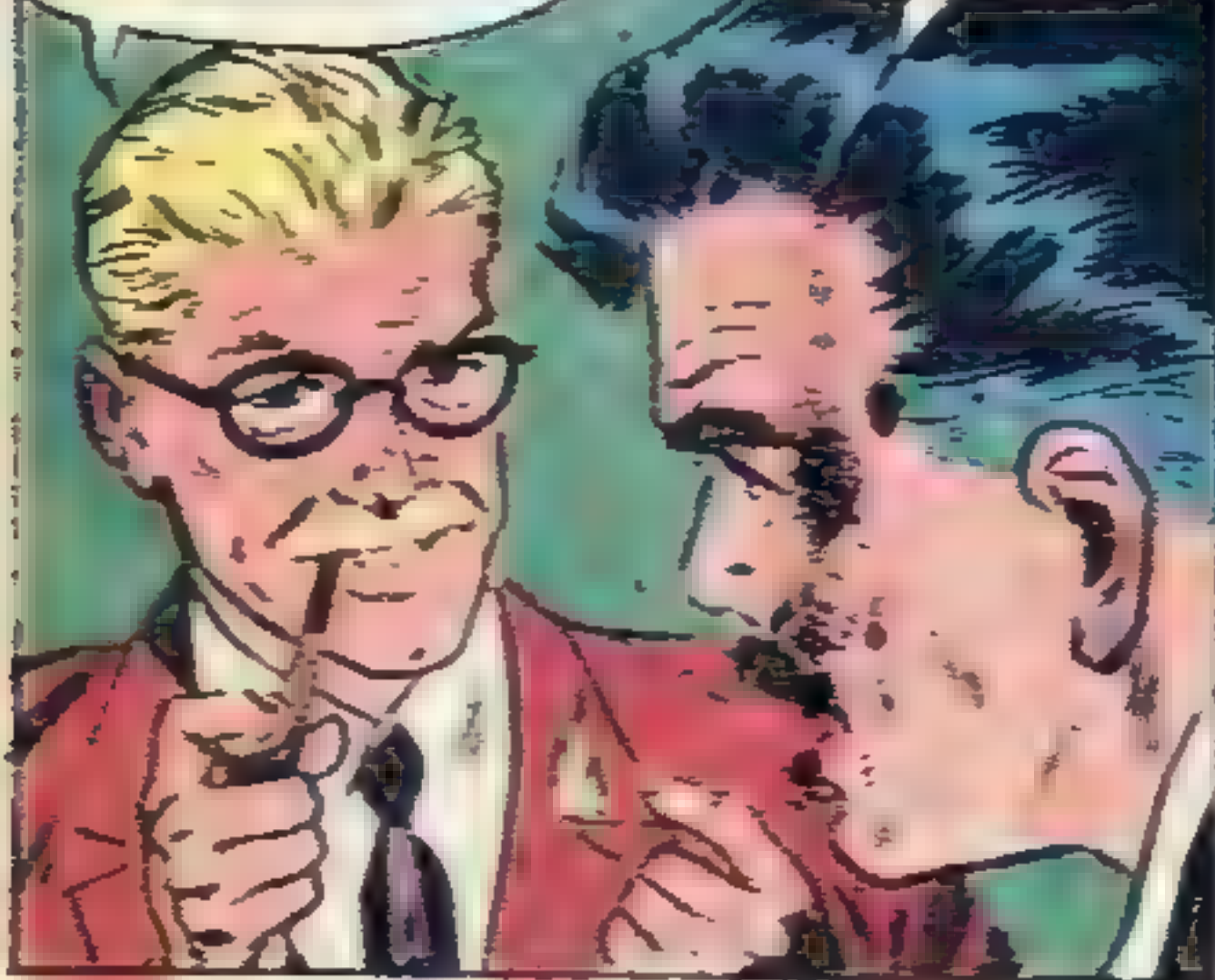
WHAT KIND OF DANGER? FRANK, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ??



I'M TALKING ABOUT THE GREATEST MENACE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! THE MENACE OF DOGS!

THE MENACE OF DOGS? FRANK-- HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING TOO HARD? I MEAN, I HEAR SOME WACKY STORIES IN THIS OFFICE-- BUT DOGS BEING A MENACE...

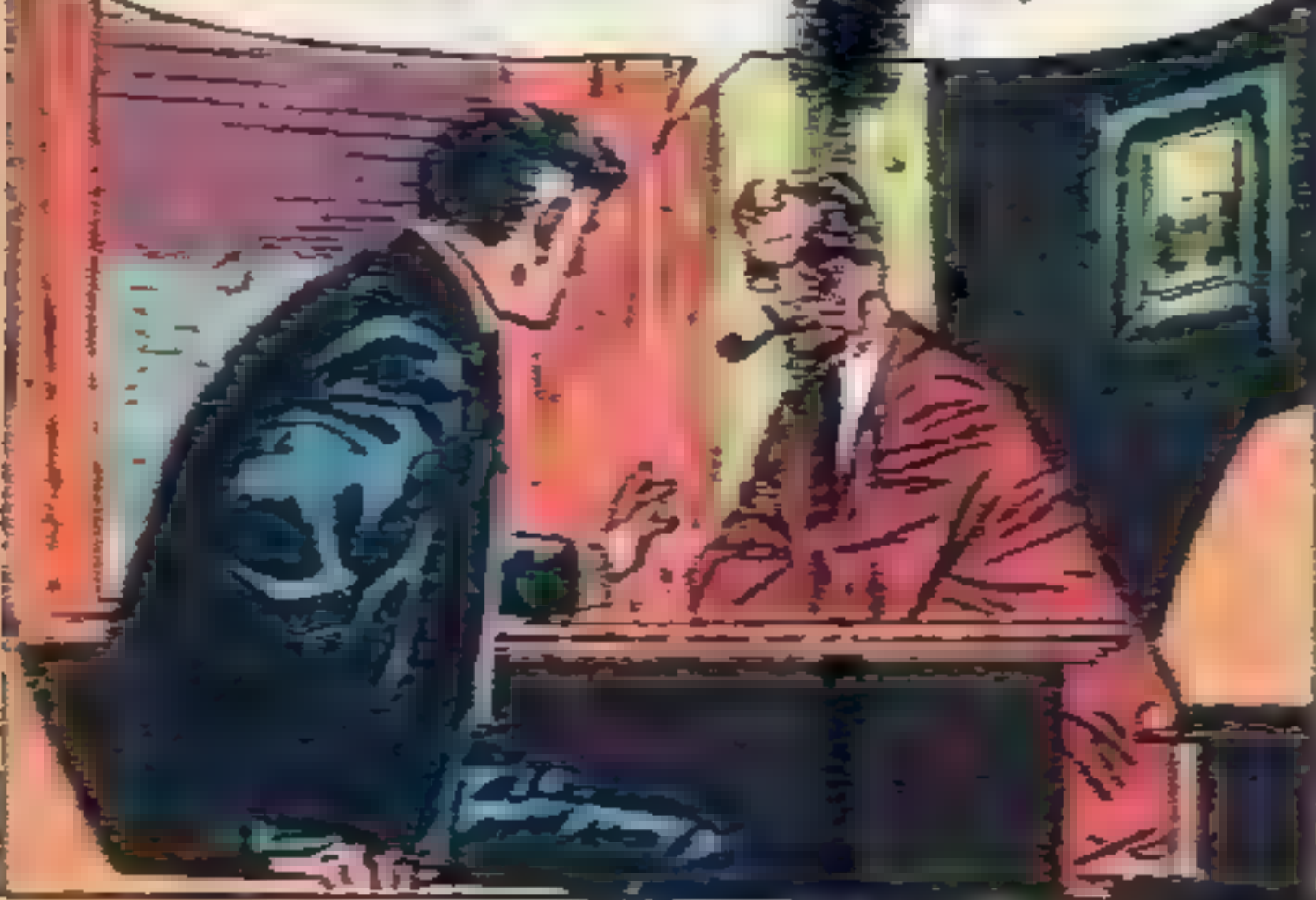
LISTEN TO ME, JOHN! THIS IS MY WORK! IT'S THE EVOLUTION COURSE I'VE BEEN TEACHING! THAT'S WHERE I GOT THE IDEA!



EVOLUTION HAS DEVELOPED MAN'S BRAIN! EVOLUTION HAS CHANGED MAN FROM A PRIMITIVE CAVE-DWELLER TO THE CIVILIZED BEING HE IS TODAY!

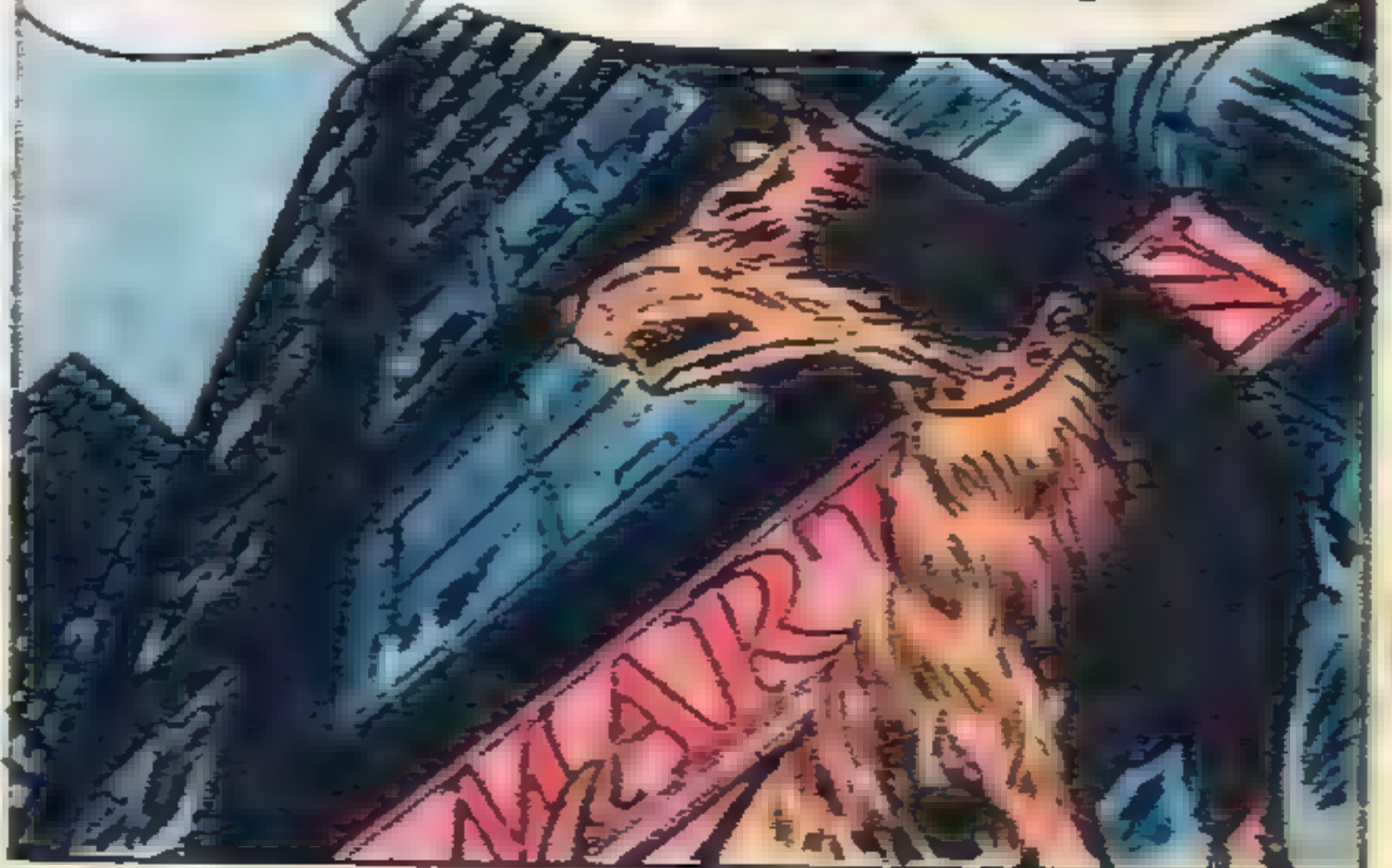


WELL, IF EVOLUTION WORKS FOR MAN, IT MUST ALSO WORK FOR OTHER LIVING CREATURES! IT MUST WORK ESPECIALLY FOR THE ONE ANIMAL WHOSE BRAIN HAS HAD THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP... THE ANIMAL WHO IS ALWAYS WITH MAN! THE ANIMAL WHO HEARS OUR WORDS -- WHO SENSES OUR THOUGHTS! THE ANIMAL CALLED... DOG!

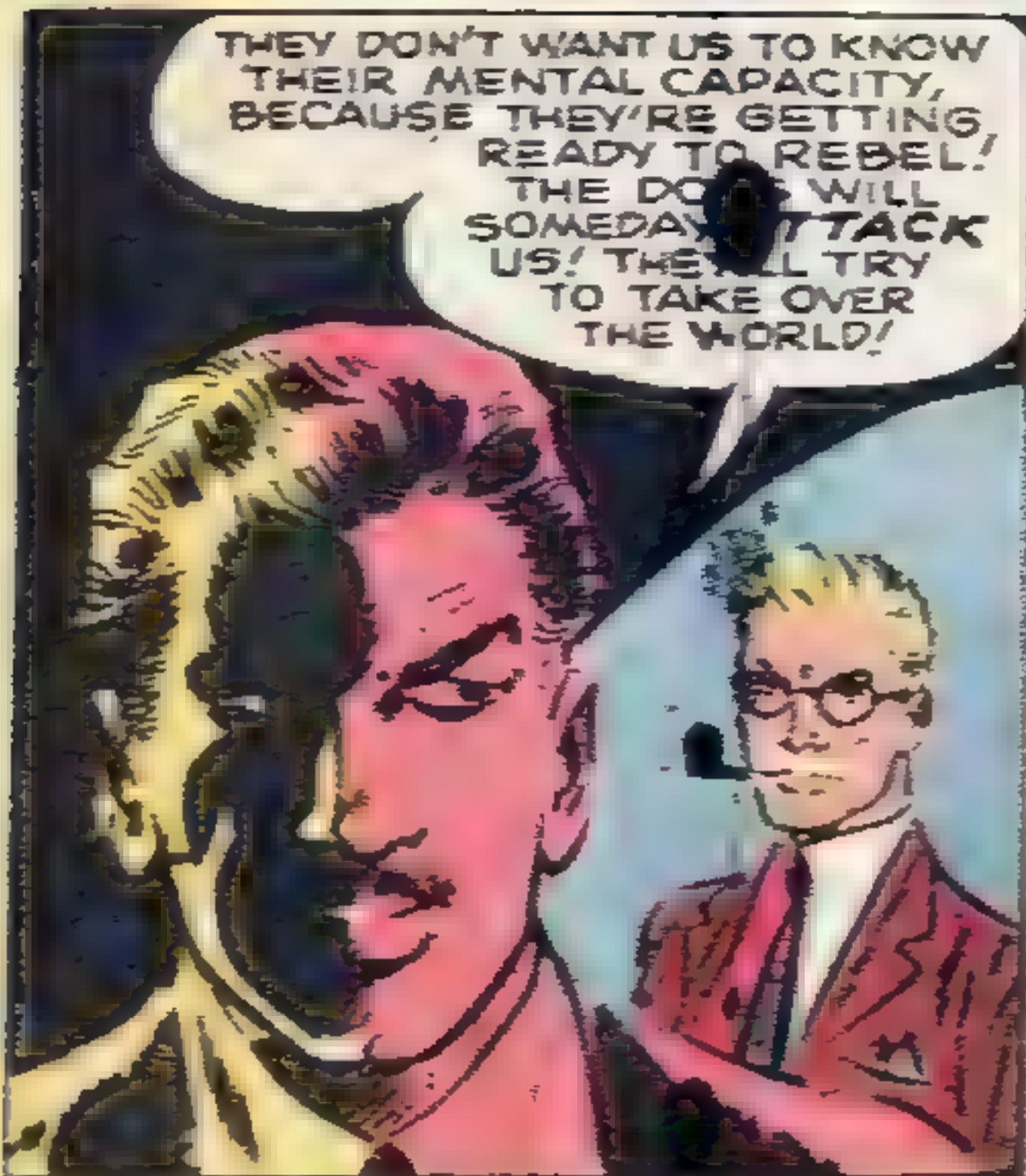


BUT FRANK, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT DOGS HAVE BEEN GETTING SMARTER!

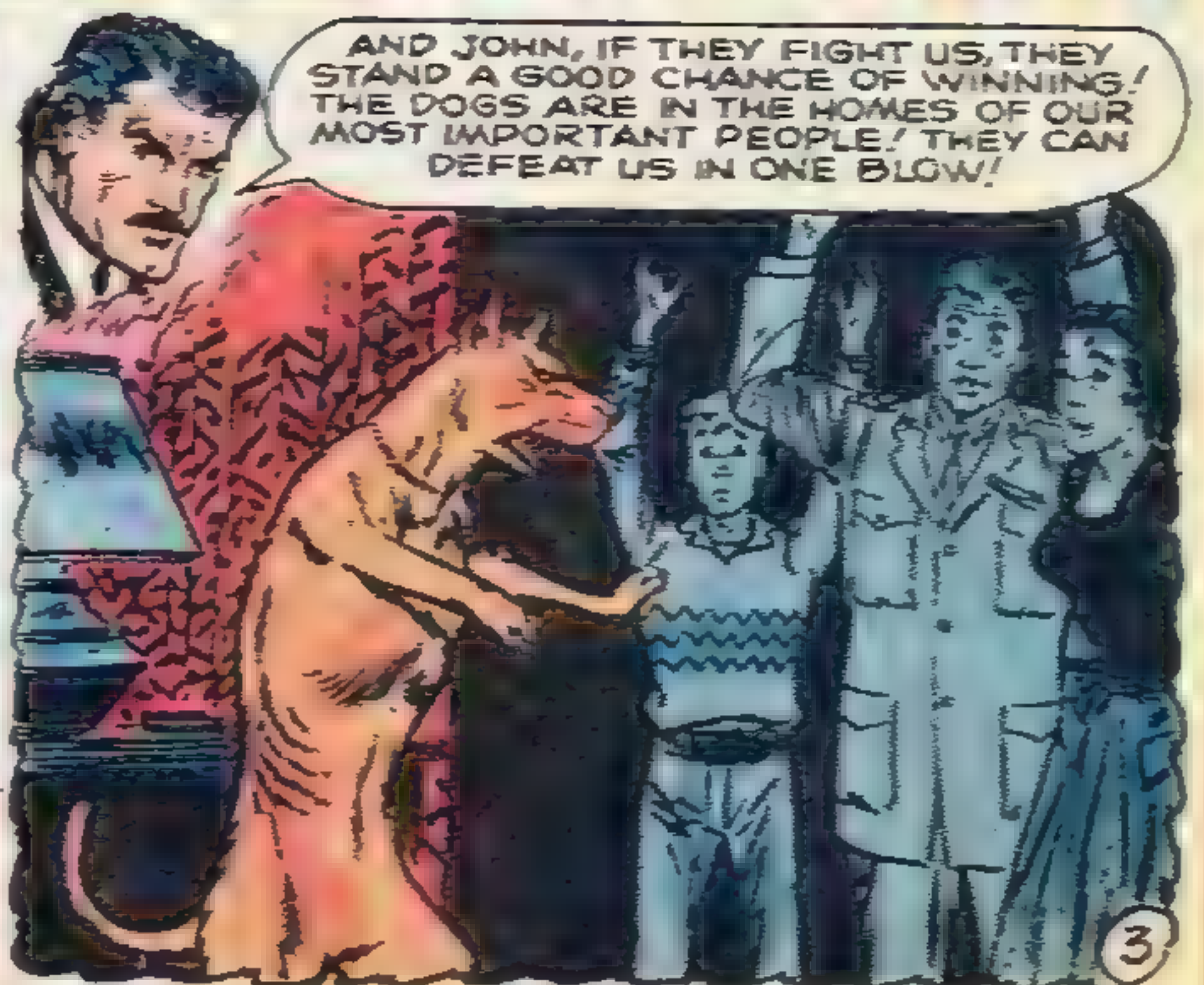
THAT'S RIGHT-- AND THAT'S WHY I SAY THEY'RE A MENACE! THEY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING, BUT THEY HAVEN'T REVEALED IT! THEY MUST WANT TO KEEP IT A SECRET... AND I'M SURE I CAN GUESS THE REASON...



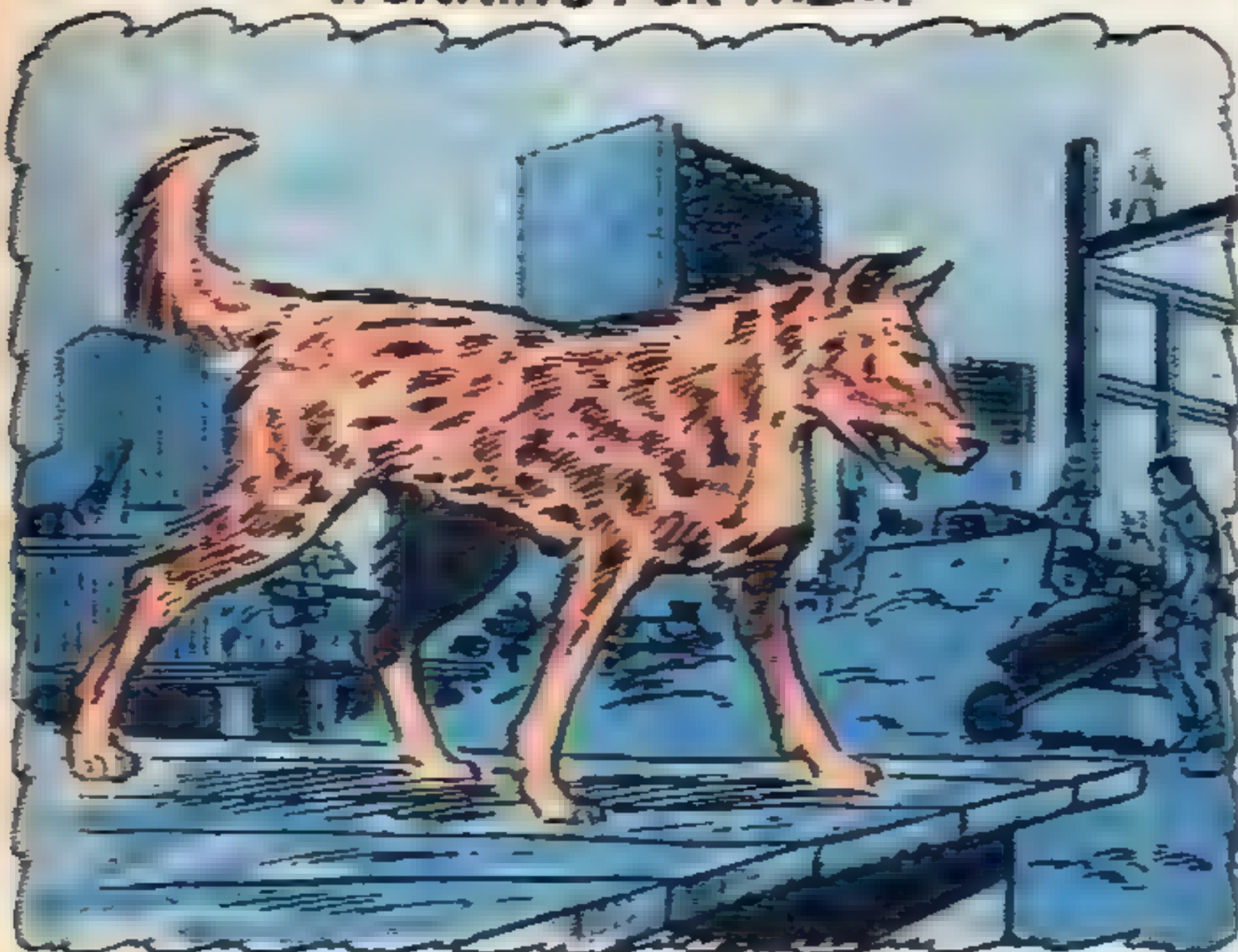
THEY DON'T WANT US TO KNOW THEIR MENTAL CAPACITY, BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING READY TO REBEL! THE DOGS WILL SOMEDAY ATTACK US! THEY'LL TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!



AND JOHN, IF THEY FIGHT US, THEY STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING! THE DOGS ARE IN THE HOMES OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE! THEY CAN DEFEAT US IN ONE BLOW!



"AND ONCE THE DOGS CONQUER US, THEY'LL BE OUR MASTERS! WE'LL SPEND THE REST OF OUR DAYS WORKING FOR THEM!"



I TELL YOU, JOHN, IT'LL BE HORRIBLE UNLESS WE STOP THE DOGS! WE MUST WARN MANKIND! WE MUST--

HOLD ON, FRANK-- LISTEN TO ME! I'M CERTAIN YOUR WHOLE THEORY IS A LOT OF NONSENSE, BUT IN YOUR EXCITED CONDITION YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME UNLESS I CAN PROVE IT TO YOU! SO HERE'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO...



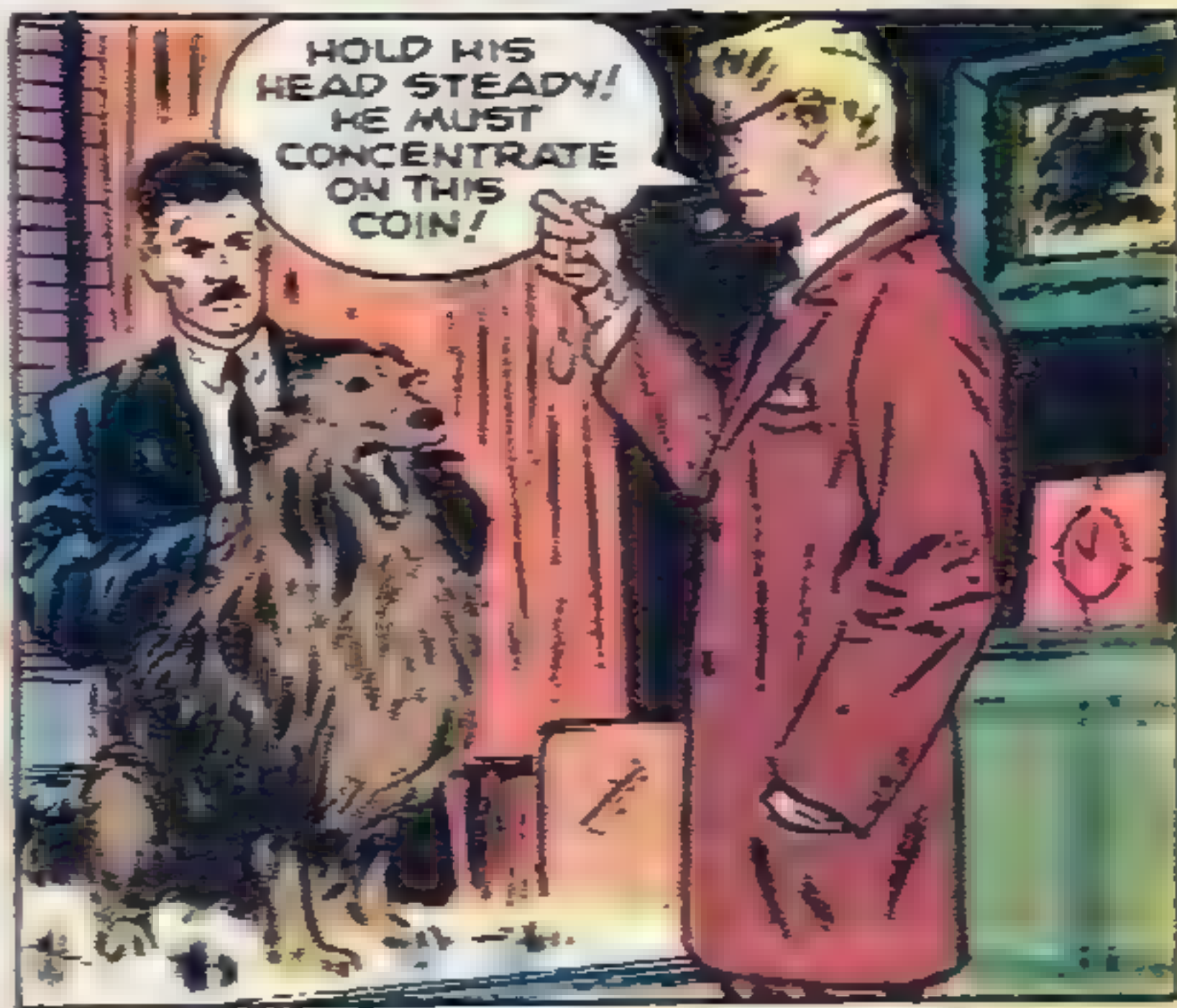
I WANT YOU TO GO HOME, GET YOUR DOG, AND BRING HIM HERE! I'M GOING TO HYPNOTIZE HIM! IF HE HAS ANY SECRETS, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCEAL THEM WHILE HE'S IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE! HE'LL HAVE TO GIVE AWAY THE TRUTH!

OKAY, JOHN, I'LL GO GET HIM! YOU'LL SEE I'M RIGHT!



AN HOUR LATER, I WAS BACK WITH MY DOG...

HOLD HIS HEAD STEADY! HE MUST CONCENTRATE ON THIS COIN!



THE COIN SPUN ROUND... ROUND... ROUND! MY DOG SOON GREW RELAXED... HIS WILL LEFT HIM... AND FINALLY HE WAS HYPNOTIZED!

HE'S IN A TRANCE! NOW WE'LL LEARN THE TRUTH!

LISTEN TO ME, LADDIE! IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND OUR LANGUAGE, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME "YES" BY BARKING TWICE! CAN YOU UNDERSTAND OUR LANGUAGE?



HE DOESN'T RESPOND!

I'LL TRY AGAIN! LADDIE, DO YOU HAVE GREATER INTELLIGENCE THAN WE SUSPECT? ANSWER BY BARKING TWICE!



HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND YOU!-- HE THOUGHT YOU WERE TELLING HIM TO PLAY DEAD!



I'LL TRY ONCE MORE! LADDIE, IF YOU ANIMALS ARE ACTUALLY OUR ENEMIES, I COMMAND YOU TO TELL ME BY BARKING TWICE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU MUST TELL ME THE TRUTH! ARE THE DOGS WHICH WE LOVE SECRETLY PLOTTING AGAINST US?

AND THIS TIME MY DOG SAT UP, CROSSED HIS PAWS, AND HOWLED MY THEORY OUT OF EXISTENCE!

A-OOWL!

HE THINKS YOU WANT HIM TO SIT UP AND BEG!

WELL, FRANK, ARE YOU CONVINCED NOW THAT DOGS ARE NO SMARTER THAN WE KNOW THEM TO BE?

Y-YES, YOU MUST BE RIGHT, JOHN! MY THEORY IS ALL WET... I GUESS I HAVE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD... IT MADE ME IMAGINE THINGS!

I'M SORRY I BARGED IN HERE SO EXCITED! I'LL GO HOME... I WON'T BOTHER YOU ANY MORE!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, FRANK! I DIDN'T MIND AT ALL... I'M JUST GLAD I WAS ABLE TO GET YOU STRAIGHTENED OUT!

EDITOR'S NOTE: AND SO, FRANK MILLER LEAVES HIS FRIEND'S OFFICE THINKING HIS THEORY IS WRONG! NEITHER HE NOR DOCTOR JOHN REDFIELD WILL EVER KNOW THE AMAZING TRUTH!

NEITHER MAN WILL EVER KNOW THAT LADDIE FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE DOCTOR'S QUESTIONS--NOT BECAUSE HE WASN'T SMART--BUT BECAUSE HE WAS UNDER A STRONGER SPELL--PUT ON HIM BY ANOTHER, A STRONGER HYPNOTIST!

AND HIGH ON THE CABINET SITS PHARAOH, THE DOCTOR'S PET CAT! HE HAS DONE HIS WORK WELL! THE HUMANS STILL SUSPECT NOTHING! AND NOW HE AND THE OTHER ANIMALS WILL CONTINUE TO WAIT...WAIT FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO STRIKE!

I CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THE CREEPING THINGS!



T-858 S. Ditko

I HAD LONG AGO DECIDED THAT I, SILAS BLEEDE WAS GOING TO BE A RICH MAN, AND NOTHING OR NO ONE WOULD STAND IN MY WAY!

BUT THE MONEY WILL BE HERE TOMORROW, MISTER BLEEDE! CAN'T YOU JUST WAIT UNTIL THEN?

THE MONEY IS DUE TODAY! SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE IT, THE LAND IS LEGALLY MINE! NOW GET OFF MY PROPERTY!



BUT YOU PROMISED TO LEND ME THE MONEY FOR THE REMODELLING I DID! I'M-- RUINED!

YOU WERE A FOOL TO TRUST ME! NOW YOUR FACTORY IS MINE! SO GET OUT!



AND SO IT WENT!

PLEASE! HAVE MERCY!

I'M NOT A CHARITY! I'M A BUSINESS MAN!

HAVE YOU NO HEART? NO PITY?

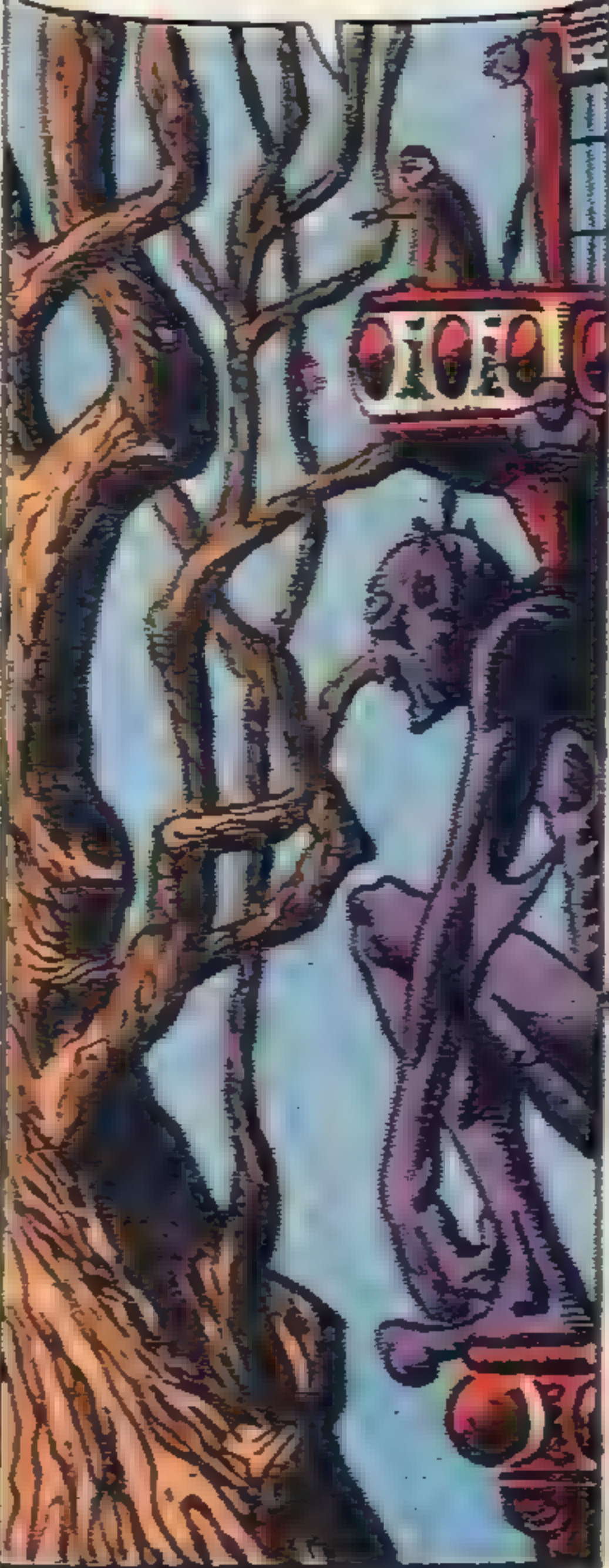


FINALLY, WITH MY FORTUNE MADE, I RETIRED TO A LUXURIOUS ESTATE IN A LONELY PART OF EUROPE!

THE FACT THAT I MADE ALL MY MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER PEOPLE'S SUFFERING, DOESN'T BOTHER ME A BIT!! NOW TO SETTLE BACK AND LIVE A LIFE OF LUXURY!



EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT, EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE DETAIL... THAT TREE'S GOT TO GO! IT BLOCKS MY BEST VIEW! I'LL HAVE SOME OF THE VILLAGERS CUT IT DOWN! THEY'LL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO EARN A FEW DOLLARS!



BUT I WAS VERY, VERY MISTAKEN!

THE TREE MUST NEVER BE DESTROYED!

IT IS THE OLDEST THING IN OUR VILLAGE! IT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR LAND!

THERE IS A CURSE WHICH WILL STRIKE ANY WHO TRY TO CHOP IT DOWN!

BAH! SENTIMENTAL AND SUPERSTITIOUS ROT! I'LL CUT THE TREE DOWN MYSELF!

FORGET YOUR PLAN, SIR!



AND I MEANT WHAT I SAID! WHEW! THIS IS HARD WORK! I'LL REST NOW AND CONTINUE TOMORROW!



OVEREXHAUSTED, I DROVE INTO RESTLESS SLEEP...

I KEEP HEARING RATTLING NOISES... STRANGE--



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NO! IT-IT ISN'T
POSSIBLE!! THE
BRANCHES ARE
COMING THROUGH
THE WINDOW--
TOWARD ME!



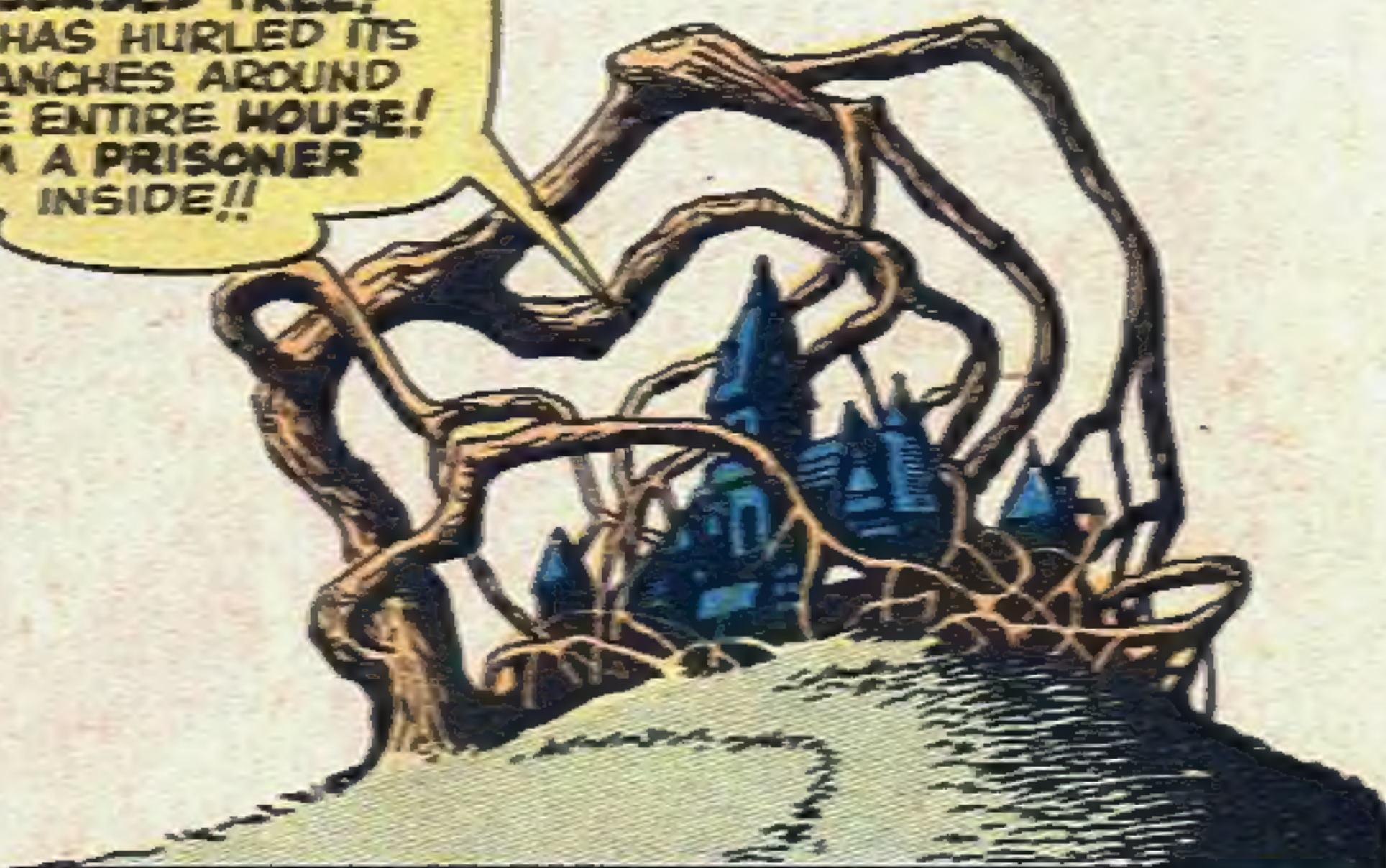
THEY'RE ALIVE!
THEY'RE AFTER
ME! HELP!
HELP!!



THE DOORWAY!! IT IS
BLOCKED BY STILL MORE
BRANCHES!! AM-AM I
GOING MAD?



IT'S THE TREE! THE
ACCURSED TREE!
IT HAS HURLED ITS
BRANCHES AROUND
THE ENTIRE HOUSE!
I'M A PRISONER
INSIDE!!



IT'S MADNESS! I CAN'T KEEP
THE BRANCHES OUT! THEY
CRAWL IN THRU THE KEY-
HOLES... THEY MOVE THE
BOLTS!! THEY--THEY CAN'T
BE STOPPED!

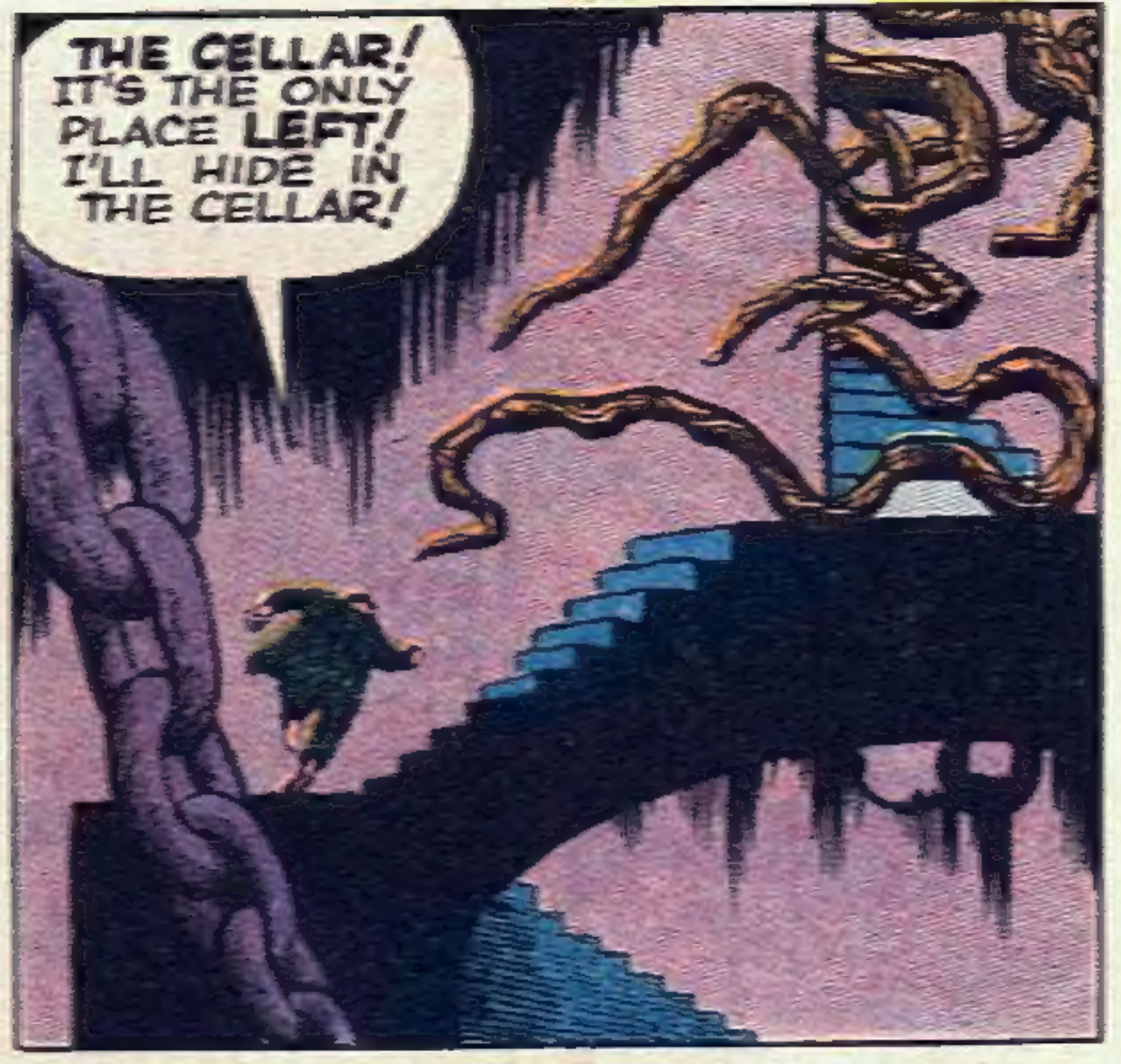


WHAT CAN I DO?
WHERE CAN I
HIDE?

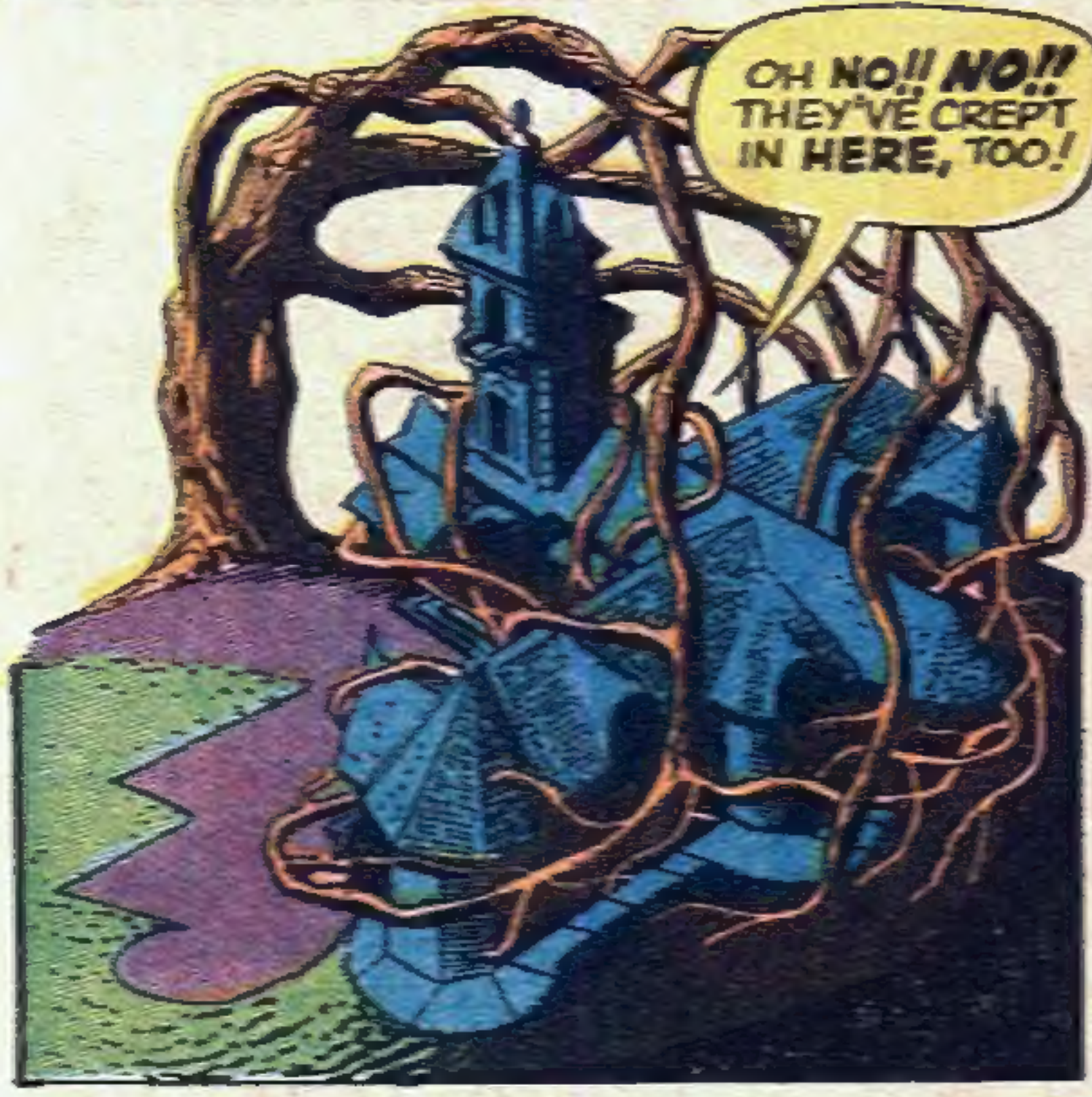




MAYBE IF I CHOP-- NO!
IT SEIZED THE AX
FROM OUT OF MY
HANDS!



THE CELLAR!
IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE LEFT!
I'LL HIDE IN
THE CELLAR!



OH NO!! NO!!
THEY'VE CREPT
IN HERE, TOO!



I--I CAN'T
RUN ANY
MORE!



PLEASE--STAY BACK!
I'LL DO ANYTHING!
I WON'T TRY TO CHOP
THE TREE DOWN!
I SWEAR IT-- DO
YOU HEAR? I
SWEAR IT!!



THEY--THEY'VE STOPPED COMIN' TOWARDS ME!



THEY'RE CREEPING BACK!! WHY? WHAT--WHAT SAVED ME?



THAT LIGHT! IT'S DAWN! PERHAPS THE SUNLIGHT DROVE THEM BACK--BACK TO THE TREE, WHERE THEY BELONGED!

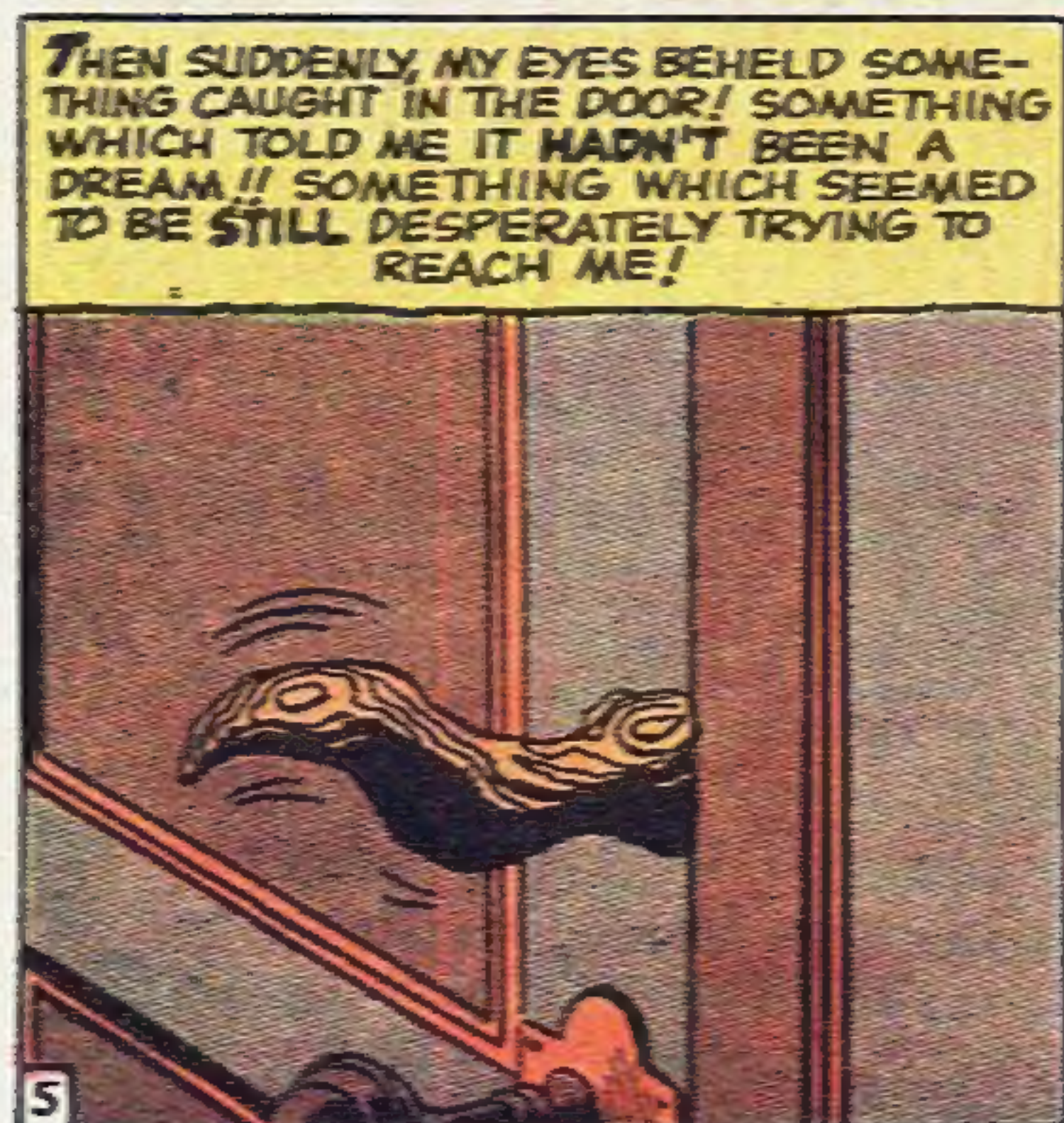


EXHAUSTED, I STAGGERED TO MY BED AND IMMEDIATELY FELL INTO A DEEP, TROUBLED SLUMBER--UNTIL I AWOKE...

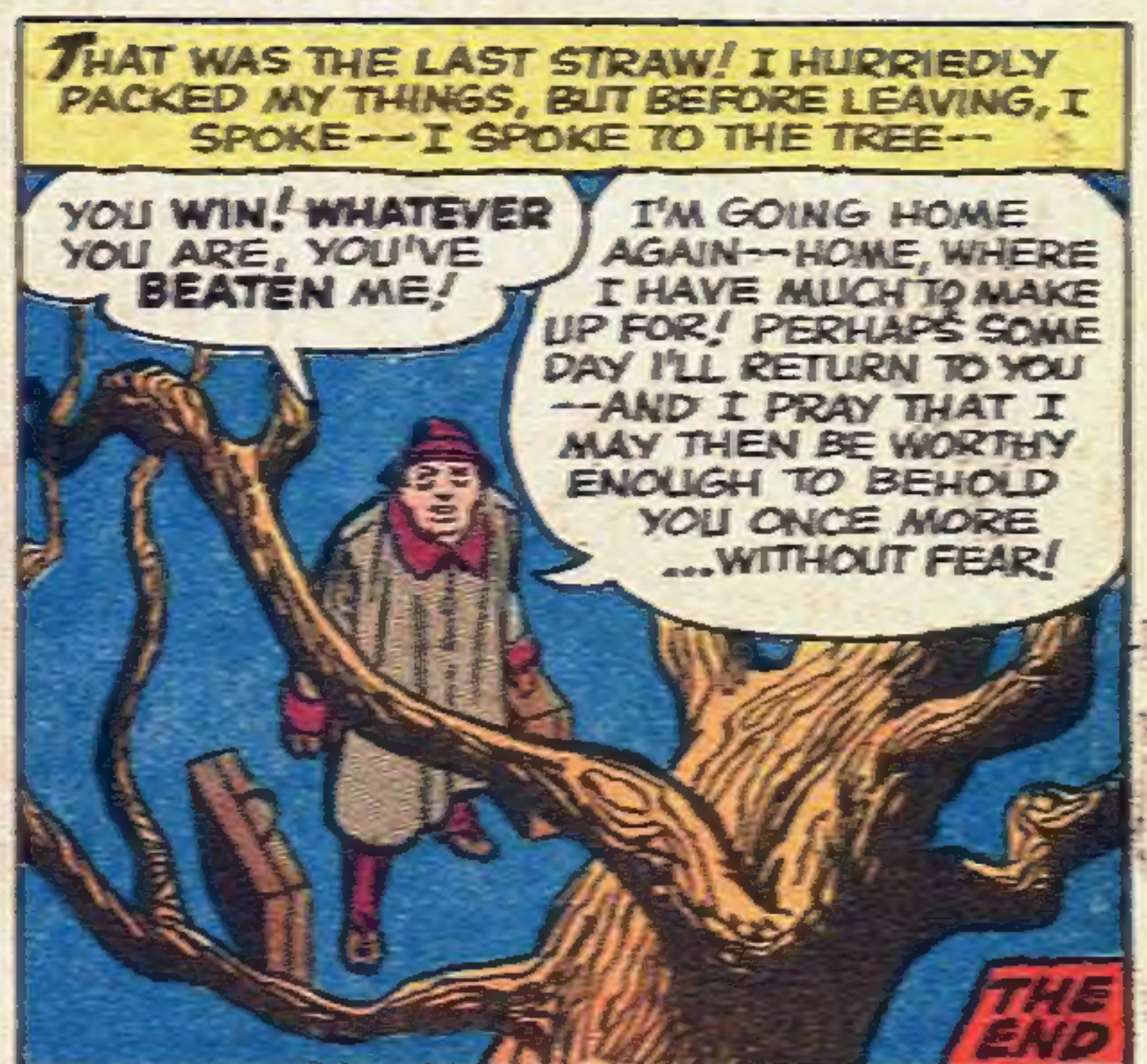
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?? THAT TREE--IT--IT MUST HAVE BEEN A NIGHTMARE! OF COURSE! I JUST HAD A BAD DREAM!



AND YET, IT WAS SO REAL! SO FRIGHTENING! I--I SEEMED TO SEE MYSELF AS I REALLY AM! CRUEL, HEARTLESS...



THEN SUDDENLY, MY EYES BEHELD SOMETHING CAUGHT IN THE DOOR! SOMETHING WHICH TOLD ME IT HADN'T BEEN A DREAM!! SOMETHING WHICH SEEMED TO BE STILL DESPERATELY TRYING TO REACH ME!



THAT WAS THE LAST STRAW! I HURRIEDLY PACKED MY THINGS, BUT BEFORE LEAVING, I SPOKE--I SPOKE TO THE TREE--

YOU WIN! WHATEVER YOU ARE, YOU'VE BEATEN ME!

I'M GOING HOME AGAIN--HOME, WHERE I HAVE MUCH TO MAKE UP FOR! PERHAPS SOME DAY I'LL RETURN TO YOU--AND I PRAY THAT I MAY THEN BE WORTHY ENOUGH TO BEHOLD YOU ONCE MORE...WITHOUT FEAR!

THE END

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